

I. EXCLUDED RESOURCES**WAC 388-513-1360 Determining excluded resources for long-term care (LTC) services.**

This section describes resources the department excludes when determining a client's eligibility for LTC services.

- (1) Effective July 1, 1996, if an aged, blind, or disabled client purchases a long-term care insurance policy approved by the Washington insurance commissioner under the Washington long-term care partnership program, the department reduces the client's available resources by the amount paid by the policy for LTC services. The amount the department excludes in this process is not subject to the rules described in WAC 388-513-1365 and WAC 388-513-1366 for a transfer of assets.
- (2) The amount of resources described in subsection (1) remains subject to estate recovery rules, if the client retained ownership of them.
- (3) If a client has a community spouse, the value of one automobile is excluded regardless of its use or value. This is in addition to the vehicle described in WAC 388-470-0040 (7), if the client's current period of institutional status began on or after October 1, 1989.
- (4) For SSI-related clients, the department excludes resources described in WAC 388-470-0020 and WAC 388-470-0040.
- (5) For clients who are not SSI-related, the department excludes resources according to the rules of the program used to relate them to medical eligibility.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION**HOME**

The department considers the client's home an excluded resource, if one of the following applies:

- The client expresses an intent to return to the home, and the home is considered the principal place of residence, or

- The client's spouse or other dependent relative lives in the home.

When the home cannot be exempted the client must make a reasonable attempt to convert the property to an available resource. Providing one of the following does this:

- Current real estate listing
- Advertisement showing property is for sale
- Other verification to show reasonable effort to sell the property

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Document the client's intent to return or not to return to the home, if the client is placed outside of the home and no spouse or other dependent is living in it. Consider the client's statement to be sufficient.
2. If a spouse lives in the home, document this in the case narrative and ACES file.
3. If a dependent relative lives in the home, document the relationship and the reason for dependency.
4. Follow necessary supplemental accommodation (NSA) procedures described in chapter 388-200 WAC when appropriate.